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TAGS:MARR XO MA
SUBJECT: US NAVAL ACTIVITIES INDIAN OCEAN: STATUS OF
MIDEASTFOR
REF: TANANARIVE 1490

1. DEFENSE DEPT. STATEMENT REFERRED TO REFTEL TO
EFFECT THAT US DOES NOT NORMALLY STATION NAVAL UNITS IN
INDIAN OCEAN WAS MADE IN LIGHT OF DISTINCTION THAT
MIDEASTFOR IS STATIONED IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND NOT IN
THE INDIAN OCEAN PROPER. THEREFORE, WAS NOT INTENDED TO
APPLY TO MIDEASTFOR, BUT RATHER TO OTHER US NAVAL FORCES,
SUCH AS ELEMENTS OF 7TH FLEET NOW CRUISING IN INDIAN OCEAN
ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

2. YOU SHOULD AVOID DISCUSSION, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WITH
YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT CONCERNING FUTURE OF MIDEASTFOR.
HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE PRESSED, YOU MAY INDICATE THE FOLLOWING.
BAHRAIN GOVT ON OCTOBER 20 NOTIFIED US OF ITS INTENTION
TO TERMINATE STATIONING AGREEMENT COVERING MIDEASTFOR
PRESENCE THERE. UNDER ARTICLE 14 OF AGREEMENT THIS PERMITS
PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING MIDEASTFOR TO REMAIN IN
EFFECT FOR ONE YEAR--THAT IS UNTIL OCTOBER 20, 1974. WE ARE
STUDYING GOB'S NOTIFICATION TO US IN LIGHT OF CURRENT
CONDITIONS, AND WILL RESPOND AT SOONEST APPROPRIATE TIME. KISSINGER

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